

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 13, 2013

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 53**

**Introduced by Senator Gaines**

*(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Dahle)*

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 53—Relative to the Shawn Baker and ~~Joseph “Robert”~~ Robert Jones Memorial Highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 53, as amended, Gaines. Shawn Baker and ~~Joseph “Robert”~~ Robert Jones Memorial Highways.

This measure would designate 2 specified portions of ~~State Highway Route 96~~ State Highway Route 5 in Siskiyou County as the Shawn Baker and ~~Joseph “Robert”~~ Robert Jones Memorial Highways, respectively. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing these special designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Shawn Baker was born on April 4, 1963, and grew
- 2 up in New Mexico and Alaska; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker served his country in the United States
- 4 Navy for five years; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In 1999, Mr. Baker and his family moved to
- 6 Siskiyou County and eventually settled in Weed, California; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker enjoyed camping, fishing, traveling,
- 8 riding his quad bike, climbing, playing water sports, working with

1 wood, and renovating his home, and could always be found in the  
2 middle of a project; and

3 WHEREAS, On January ~~1, 2004~~, *31, 2001*, Mr. Baker began  
4 his career with the Department of Transportation as a  
5 permanent-intermittent equipment operator in Yreka, California,  
6 and then transferred to the Yreka special projects crew in April  
7 2004; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker was hired as a permanent full-time  
9 equipment operator in November 2004, ~~and then in December~~  
10 ~~2004~~, transferred to the Grass Lake maintenance ~~crew~~; *crew in*  
11 *December 2004 and the Yreka special projects crew in April 2006*;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, ~~Joseph “Robert”~~ *Robert* Jones was born on April  
14 15, 1973, in Yreka, California, to Marty Mangrum and Jim Jones;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones attended schools in Yreka and Montague  
17 up until his junior year in high school, when he transferred to South  
18 Fork High School in Humboldt County, from which he graduated  
19 in 1991; and

20 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation hired Mr. Jones  
21 in November 2005 as a temporary employee for the Mount Shasta  
22 maintenance crew; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones became a permanent-intermittent  
24 equipment operator for the Mount Shasta *maintenance* crew in  
25 November 2006, and then transferred to the Yreka *special projects*  
26 crew in December 2006; and

27 WHEREAS, In June 2008, Mr. Jones was hired as a permanent  
28 full-time equipment operator for the Grass Lake ~~special projects~~  
29 *maintenance* crew, then transferred to the Yreka *special projects*  
30 crew in December 2010; and

31 WHEREAS, In his spare time, Mr. Jones deeply enjoyed his  
32 time as a volunteer firefighter at the Mayten Fire Department; and

33 WHEREAS, On April 24, 2013, a group of eight Caltrans  
34 District 2 employees was performing rock scaling operations to  
35 remove loose material from a rocky hillside on State *Highway*  
36 Route 96 near Happy Camp in Siskiyou County when a rock slide  
37 occurred, tragically killing Mr. Baker and Mr. Jones, and injuring  
38 a third employee; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is survived by his wife of 26 years,  
2 Tammie, his daughters, Hilary and Mariah, and his sons, Weston  
3 and Quinton; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is survived by his ~~wife~~, wife of 16 years  
5 years, Shannon, his stepson, Stephen, his son, Parker, and his  
6 daughter, Michael-La; and

7 WHEREAS, Both men gave their lives working selflessly to  
8 protect motorists on the highway from future rock slides propelling  
9 rocks onto the highway; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
12 portions of ~~State Highway 96~~ *State Highway Route 5 in Siskiyou*  
13 *County* from PM 35.7 to PM 39.5, inclusive, and PM 41.5 to PM  
14 43.5, inclusive, as the Shawn Baker and ~~Joseph "Robert"~~ *Robert*  
15 Jones Memorial Highways, respectively, to honor these two selfless  
16 employees of the Department of Transportation; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
18 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the  
19 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this  
20 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
21 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
22 further

23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
24 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
25 author for appropriate distribution.